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Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 1-4 and 6-14 remain pending in the application. Applicants amend claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, and 13 for clarification. No new matter has been added.

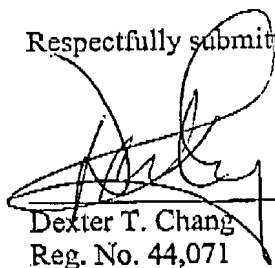
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 1-4 and 6-14 contain allowable subject matter. The Examiner objected to claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, and 13 for apparent informalities; and correspondingly, rejected claims 1-4 and 6-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Applicants amend claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, and 13 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions and respectfully request that the Examiner allow claims 1-4 and 6-14.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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